

Indiana Department of Health Immunizations Division

COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Temperature Requirements

Temperature Monitoring Guidelines:

- 1. Check and record the min/max temperatures of the storage units each day using a temperature monitoring device.
- 2. If your temperature monitoring device does not automatically record min/max temperatures, record the temperature at the start and end of each workday.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Temperature Requirements

Frozen Storage

- Vials stored at -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5°F) for up to 2 weeks may be returned one time to the recommended storage condition of - 80°C to -60°C (-112°F to -76°F).
- Total cumulative time the vials are stored at -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5° F) should be tracked and should not exceed 2 weeks.

Ultra-Cold Storage

- Store as frozen liquid at -80°C to 60°C until expiration date.
- Storage of the vials between -96° C to -60°C
 (-141°F to -76°F) is not considered an excursion from the recommended storage condition.

Refrigerator Storage

- Can be stored at 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) up to 1 month.
- Room temperature hold time is no more than 2 hours.
- Thaw from frozen for 2-3 hours at 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) or 30 minutes at room temperature for immediate use.
- Post dilution in use period is 6 hours.

Room Temperature Storage

No more than 2 hours

Thawing Options

Option 1

- Transfer frozen vials immediately to refrigerator, and thaw for 2-3 hours at 2°C to 8° C (35°F to 46°F).
- Vials may be stored in refrigerator for up to 5 days or 120 hours before dilution.

Option 2

- Thaw at room temperature for 30 minutes if using immediately.
- Vials may be held at room temperature for no more than 2 hours prior to dilution.

DO NOT REFREEZE THAWED VIALS



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Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Temperature Requirements

Frozen Storage

- Store as frozen liquid at -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5°F) for up to 6 months.
- Do not store on dry ice or below -40°C (-40°F).

Refrigerator Storage

- Store vials at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) up to 30 days.
- Do not refreeze thawed vials.
- Store punctured vials at 2°C to 25°C (36°F to 77°F) for a maximum of 12 hours.
- Discard any punctured vials after 12 hours.
- Dispose of any vials with unused vaccine as medical waste.

Room Temperature Storage

- Store at room temperature 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for up to 24 hours.
- Do not refreeze thawed vials.

Thawing Options

Option 1

- Transfer frozen vials to refrigerator and thaw
 2.5 hours at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F); then thaw for an additional 15 minutes at room temperature.
- Vials may be stored in the refrigerator for up to 30 days at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).

Option 2

- Thaw at room temperature 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for 1 hour if using immediately.
- Vials may be held at room temperature for no more than 24 hours.

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J&J (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Temperature Requirements

Refrigerator Storage

- Store vials at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).
- Store punctured vials at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for a maximum of six (6) hours.
- Discard any punctured vials after six (6) hours.
 Dispose of any vials with unused vaccine as medical waste.

Room Temperature Storage

- Unpunctured vials may be stored at 9°C to 25°C (47°F to 77°F) for up to 12 hours.
- Punctured vials can be stored at room temperature for up to 2 hours.

Thawing Options (if vaccines arrive frozen)

Option 1

- Transfer frozen vials to refrigerator and thaw
 2.5 hours at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F); then thaw for an additional 15 minutes at room temperature.
- Vials may be stored in the refrigerator for up to 30 days at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).

Option 2

- Thaw at room temperature 9°C to 25°C (47°F to 77°F) if using immediately.
- A carton of 10 vials will take 2 hours to thaw.
- An individual vial will take 1 hour to thaw.

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